

financial sector. We have gained considerable experience in the working of the banking sector. The said experience will be applied to the restructuring of the insurance industry, but at the same time, public sector companies like LIC, GIC, etc. will be strengthened".

Subsequently, in July 1996, it was stated in the Budget speech that :

"An interim, non-statutory Insurance Regulatory Authority was set up in January, 1996. I now propose to introduce a Bill to make it a statutory body and to empower it suitably. When I return to the subject of insurance in the next Budget, I shall address some of the policy parameters outlined in the CMP, including the sequence of steps for the restructuring of the insurance industry".

The Government is currently processing a Bill for giving statutory basis to the Insurance Regulatory Authority set up in January, 1996. Other measures for reform of the insurance sector are being examined in consultation with the Insurance Regulatory Authority.

#### **Setting up of PSUs**

2115. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to set up industries in Public Sector Undertakings in the country particularly in Orissa; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (b). At present there is no proposal to set up industries in public sector undertakings in the country including Orissa.

#### **Linking of Human Rights and Child Labour with Trade Agreements under W.T.O.**

2116. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether some developed countries are seeking to link human rights and child labour with trade agreements under World Trade Organisation;

(b) if so, the details of such countries;

(c) whether the Government have taken up this issue with the developing countries; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Some developed countries like USA and Norway have proposed that the World Trade Organisation (WTO) discuss the relationship between trade and core labour standards in the WTO.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. The matter was discussed with other developing countries in the Preparatory Meeting to the Singapore Ministerial Meeting held in New Delhi in September 1996. In addition, India is continuously coordinating her position with other like minded countries in opposing such a linkage. The outcome on this issue will be decided at the WTO Singapore Ministerial Conference to be held from December 9-13, 1996.

#### **Rehabilitation of families affected due to Mining Operation**

2117. SHRI TARIT BARAN TOPDAR : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether 49 mouzas in West Bengal have been declared unsafe and unstable for habitation by the Director General of Mines Safety due to coal mining operation;

(b) if so, the total number of families affected;

(c) the steps taken for the shifting and rehabilitation of the people of those mouzas; and

(d) the funds sanctioned and allocated for rehabilitation of the affected families?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir. An Apex Monitoring Committee consisting of representatives of the coal company, District Administration, Director General of Mines Safety, Central Mining Research Institute and public figures (MLAs, MPs) was constituted to examine 49 unstable localities of Raniganj Coalfield. This Committee opined that 38 localities covering an area of 11.8 sq. kms. are unsafe.

(b) As per assessment made by Central Mine Planning and Design Institute Limited in 1992, a total of 24468 houses in the 49 unstable localities are affected.

(c) and (d). Instead of shifting and rehabilitation of the people of 49 unstable localities. Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL) have taken steps for stabilisation of the old underground workings. As a step towards this direction, the innovative technology of hydro-pneumatic sand stowing is being given field trial in two localities. In order to establish this technology through experience gained over a wider area, two more localities have been taken up for this purpose.

#### **Projects under Eastern Coalfield Limited**

2118. SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the details of new projects under Eastern Coalfields Ltd. on which work has been started recently;



(b) whether ECL have acquired land for these projects;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number of land looser families and the number of families evicted or going to be evicted for these projects, mouza-wise; and

(e) the details of rehabilitation package prepared and implemented for affected families?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) Puapur underground project of Eastern Coalfields Ltd. (ECL) is the only new project on which the work has been started recently.

(b) and (c). Total land requirement for the project has been assessed as 10.42 hectares. Out of which 1.78 ha. has already been acquired and the balance land is under process of acquisition.

(d) and (e). Actual number of land-loser families going to be affected due to land acquisition is under assessment. Rehabilitation shall be done as per CIL's Rehabilitation and Resettlement policy of 1994.

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#### Strike by Employees of Income Tax

2119. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the class 'C' and 'D' employees of Income Tax Department went on country-wide strike during October, 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof and their major demands; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to face and to check such strikes?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The class 'C' and 'D' employees of the Income Tax Department took part in the country-wide strike during October, 1996 on the question of raising the limit of productivity-linked bonus to Group 'C' and 'D' employees of the Central Government. The strike which commenced from 23.10.96 was called off on 29.10.96.

(c) As employees of various other Departments (e.g. Postal and Telecom employees) had also participated in the aforesaid strike, the call for which was given by the Confederation of Central Government Employees and Workers, the question of facing and checking such strikes is a matter of general policy to be adopted and followed by the Central Government. However, instructions already exist to deal with the cases of employees participating in strikes, and, the manner in which the strike-period should be treated.

#### Textiles Designing Exhibition

2120. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of textiles design exhibitions organised in Delhi during the last three years;

(b) the details of export orders bagged through such exhibition till date;

(c) whether the Government propose to organise such more exhibitions in the near future in other States including Delhi; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA) : (a) No exhibition exclusively on textile designing was held in Delhi during the last three years. However, the following major exhibitions and fairs on textiles were organised during this period :

(i) "Resham India" silk fair at Hotel Taj Palace, New Delhi in October, 1993;

(ii) An exhibition on Jute diversified products in Parliament House Annexe in May, 1995.

(b) As a result of "Resham India", export orders worth about US \$ 4.2 million for silk goods were received. The focus of the exhibition on Jute diversified products was on new areas of development in the jute sector.

(c) and (d). No exhibition exclusively on textile designing is proposed to be held now. However, the India Trade Promotion Organisation in association with the Textile Export Promotion Councils and the Ministry of Textiles, proposes to organise "Tex Styles India" fair at New Delhi from 28th to 31st January, 1997.

#### National Coal Wage Agreement

2121. PROF. RITA VERMA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the steps being taken to work out new National Coal Wage Agreement keeping in view the fact that the period of Fifth National Coal Wage Agreement ended on June 30, 1996;

(b) whether the provisions of Fifth National Coal Wage Agreement has been fully implemented; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) Joint Bipartite Committee for Coal Industry-VI is being constituted to work out the National Coal Wage Agreement-VI.

(b) and (c). All the employees are being paid wages, allowances, etc. as per the revised rates in accordance with the provision of National Coal Wage Agreement-V. Part payment of arrear wages is in progress. Modalities